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06/04/01**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Docket No.
FQ5-536**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
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corresponding to Japanese application No. 2000-101773, filed
April 4, 2000,
entitled: NETWORK SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

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